

REMARKS

Claims 19-22 are currently pending in the application. Claim 19 is an independent claim. Claims 19-22 are amended for the Examiner's consideration, and the amendments are fully supported by the specifications and the drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending objections and rejections in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims

In the Office Action, claim 19 was objected to as containing several typographical errors.

Claim 19 has been amended to correct these errors. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 19, as amended, overcomes the stated objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection of claim 19 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection, Second Paragraph

Claims 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 20-22 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct typographical errors.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20-22 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,323,051B1 issued to Shimada. This rejection is moot in view of the amendment made to claim 19.

Claim 19 was amended to clarify that the metal layer is enclosed by the insulation film. This feature is not shown by Shimada. Instead Shimada discloses that metal layers 7 and 7' are left open (e.g. not enclosed) in a direction toward the pixel electrode. This is clearly shown in Shimada's Figure 1(d). Claims 20-22 are allowable based on their dependencies from allowable claim 19.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 19-21 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimada in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,895,692 to Shirasaki, *et al.* (“Shirasaki”). This rejection is moot with respect to the amendment made to claim 19.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 22 be withdrawn

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the objections and rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue, and to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to **Deposit Account No. 23-1951 (McGuireWoods)**.

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